



MOTION REGARDING MCGILL TRIBUNE FEE INCREASE AND EXISTENCE ENDORSEMENT 2019-02-28

Submitted for: February 28, 2019

WHEREAS, the Tribune Publication Society (TPS) is an independent, not-for-profit, student-run organization that publishes The McGill Tribune;

WHEREAS, the McGill Tribune offers a platform for all members of the McGill community to have their work published and receive training in writing and other journalistic practices;

WHEREAS, the presence of critical, objective, and responsible news sources available in print and online is central to fostering a community and accountability at McGill University (“the University”);

WHEREAS, the Tribune employs undergraduate students, includes undergraduate students on its Board, and grants voting rights to all fee-paying undergraduate members at its Annual General Meeting;

WHEREAS, the TPS' Memorandum of Agreement with the University requires that the TPS ask its members to consent to its continued existence;

WHEREAS, The McGill Tribune's operating costs for both print and online publishing and distribution depend on student fees each year;

WHEREAS, the TPS has demonstrated its financial responsibility with the funds it receives from students;

WHEREAS, the TPS has made budget cuts and will continue to streamline its budget to ensure that it remains financially sustainable under the proposed fee levy;

WHEREAS, the current fee levy is insufficient to fund all of the Tribune's activities;



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WHEREAS, a fee increase of one dollar is necessary for The McGill Tribune to continue as a reliable and critical editorial voice on campus, as well as an educational opportunity for its members;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Students' Society of McGill University formally endorse the McGill Tribune's Fee Increase and Existence questions for the Winter 2019 referendum.

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APPROVED